J. OWEN CAMPBELL (State Bar No. 229976) ioc@severson.com SEVERSON & WERSON A Professional Corporation CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT The Atrium 19100 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700 Irvine, California 92612 SEP 2 6 2013 Telephone: (949) 442-7110 Facsimile: (949) 442-7118 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA DEPUTY MARY KATE SULLIVAN (State Bar No. 180203) SEVERSON & WERSON A Professional Corporation One Embarcadero Center, Suite 2600 San Francisco, California 94111 Telephone: (415) 398-3344 Facsimile: (415) 956-0439 Attorneys for Plaintiffs MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. and 11 MERSCORP HOLDINGS, INC. 12 13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 14 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - WESTERN DIVISION 15 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC Case No. REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., and MERSCORP HOLDINGS, INC., 17 COMPLAINT: 18 Plaintiffs, 1. TO SET ASIDE VOID JUDGMENT 19 VS. DECLARATORY JUDGMENT FOR VIOLATION OF DUE DANIEL W. ROBINSON and DARLA 20 **PROCESS** J. ROBINSON. 3. CANCELLATION OF 21 INSTRUMENTS Defendants. 4. SLANDER OF TITLE 22 23 Plaintiffs MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. 24 "MERS") and MERSCORP HOLDINGS, INC. allege as follows: 25 Jurisdiction 26 The Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 1. 27 which confers original jurisdiction on federal district courts to hear suits alleging the 28 11951.0247/2880093.1 COMPLAINT

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violation of rights and privileges under the United States Constitution. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 to hear the pendent state law claims, in that both claims arise from a common nucleus of operative fact.

The Court also has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 2. 1332(a), because there is complete diversity of citizenship and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 exclusive of fees and costs. MERS is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Defendants are citizens of and residents of California. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 because the void judgment at issue in this action purported to eliminate a deed of trust on real property securing a \$999,950.00 loan.

Venue

3. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because the defendants reside in this district, because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this district, and because the real property that is the subject of the action is situated in this district.

Parties

- Plaintiff MERS is a Delaware corporation that is authorized to do 4. business in the State of California. MERS is the beneficiary of the deed of trust referred to herein.
- 5. Plaintiff MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. is the parent company of MERS.
- 6. Defendant Daniel W. Robinson is an individual who resides in Northridge, California.

7. Defendant Darla J. Robinson is an individual who resides in Northridge, California.

The Real Property

8. The real property that is the subject of this action (the "Property") is located in Los Angeles County, and is commonly known as 19127 Romar Street, Northridge, CA 91324, and has the legal description: "LOT 21 OF TRACT NO. 4324, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1051, PAGES 29 AND 30 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY."

9. MERS claims an interest in the Property. MERS is the beneficiary of record of a deed of trust on the Property, which deed of trust was ordered expunged without any notice to MERS and in violation of California law and Plaintiffs' due process rights.

Background on MERS and the MERS® System

- 10. MERS was developed in 1993 when Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae published a white paper that analyzed the need for an electronic mortgage registration system for mortgage rights. The need arose due to the active secondary mortgage market in the United States.
- 11. The secondary mortgage market—in which a variety of investors purchase real estate loans from those who originate the loans—is critical to the United States credit and housing markets because the ability of lenders to replenish their credit directly impacts the lenders' willingness to extend credit and the interest rates charged for the risk the lenders assume.
- 12. Since the investors in the secondary market often consist of institutional entities such as mutual funds and insurance companies, those entities often contract with servicing companies to handle the loan servicing obligations.

- 13. Typically, the investor or its designee would hold the note, with the servicing company appearing as the mortgagee or beneficiary in the land records for the purposes of that mortgagee or beneficiary directly receiving notice of legal proceedings against the mortgage property or collateral. If the servicing rights in the loan were sold, it was necessary to record the assignment of the mortgage or deed of trust from the old servicer to the new servicer so that the identity of the new servicer would appear in the land records in order for that new entity to receive service of process pursuant to their servicing contract with the investor. The process of drafting and recording multiple assignments was costly and burdensome. Simple economics dictates that these costs were ultimately passed to the consumers—buyers and sellers of real estate.
- 14. In addition, multiple assignments of mortgage interests led to errors and uncertainty in the chain of title because assignments were often missing, incomplete, inaccurate, or misfiled.
- 15. These problems led consumer-oriented government corporations and agencies, including Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, the Federal Housing Administration, and Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to participate in the creation of MERS and the MERS® System, with many of these entities serving on MERS' Steering Committee and Advisory Council.
- 16. Every mortgage registered on the MERS® System has a unique mortgage identification number. The borrower executes a deed of trust or mortgage (depending on the state) that is recorded in the public land records.
- 17. Every lender that registers a mortgage on the MERS® System signs a MERS® System membership agreement which states, in part, that "Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. created for the purpose of serving as the Mortgagee of Record in the

applicable public land records solely as Nominee for the Note Owner and the Note Owner's successors and assigns, including the Note Holder."

- 18. Pursuant to this authority, when a deed of trust or mortgage identifying MERS as the beneficiary or mortgagee is signed by the borrower(s) as part of a mortgage loan "closing" or transaction, that document grants a security interest in the subject property to MERS as beneficiary/mortgagee as nominee for the lender and the lender's successors and assigns. MERS holds legal title to the interests granted in the mortgage (or, in a deed of trust, the trustee holds legal title on behalf of MERS as beneficiary and nominee) and generally has the right, as nominee for the current note owner or holder, to exercise any or all of the lender's interests in the property under the deed of trust.
- 19. MERS will typically remain the mortgagee or beneficiary of record throughout the life of the loan on behalf of the original lender and its successors and assigns. In addition to MERS's identification in public land records as mortgagee or beneficiary, transfers between lenders of servicing rights are tracked electronically through the MERS® System.
- 20. Members pay annual membership and transaction fees for the right to use MERS as the mortgagee and nominee in public land records and utilize the MERS® System.
- 21. In California, MERS has approximately 3.5 million active loans for which it acts as the recorded beneficiary.
- 22. MERS and the MERS® System have eliminated the need to scour land records (at least for properties with MERS as the recorded beneficiary) in search of multiple assignments that may have been filed incorrectly or not filed at all. This has facilitated title companies' ability to efficiently and accurately provide lien releases and title opinions, to the benefit of real estate purchasers.
 - 23. The MERS® system allows for quick and accurate identification of the

mortgage servicer on a particular loan. Servicers are usually the only parties with access to the payoff statement—information that, for example, helps homeowners avoid foreclosure, exercise their right of redemption, and close on the sale of their home. Since the MERS® System is entirely electronic, it can provide consumers, title companies and purchasers with instantaneous on-line access to information about who is servicing a particular loan.

- 24. MERS and the MERS® System thus provides several significant benefits to consumers who buy and sell real estate and member companies, in that:
 - a. It fosters the creation of new credit and reduces the costs of credit;
 - b. It provides prompt and accurate information for owners seeking to refinance, avoid foreclosure, or obtain lien releases; and
 - c. It provides more accurate title searches and lowers the cost of title searches and title insurance.
- 25. One of the critical functions MERS provides as lien holder of record is to receive service of legal process for proceedings related to the secured property and to notify the appropriate MERS® System member or take other appropriate action to protect the security interest or collateral.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(TO SET ASIDE VOID JUDGMENT—against all Defendants)

- 26. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of all prior paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 27. On or about February 15, 2005, Defendant Daniel W. Robinson and Darla J. Robinson (jointly, the "Robinsons") acquired title to the Property by means of a grant deed from the prior owners.
- 28. In order to fund the purchase of the Property, the Robinsons obtained a loan in the amount of \$999,950.00. The loan was secured against the Property by a

deed of trust recorded on February 15, 2005 in the Official Records of the Recorder's Office of Los Angeles County as instrument number 05 0342544 (the "Deed of Trust"). A copy of the recorded deed of trust is attached as Exhibit 1 to this complaint.

- 29. In the Deed of Trust, identified as a "CALIFORNIA Single Family Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac UNIFORM INSTRUMENT MERS" document, the Robinsons agreed that MERS is the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust. The Deed of Trust provides on page 1 that MERS is "nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. MERS is the beneficiary under this Security Instrument." The Deed of Trust provides MERS's state of incorporation as well as the address and telephone number of MERS. The Deed of Trust further provides that the promissory note corresponding to the recorded deed of trust "can be sold one or more times without prior notice to Borrower."
- 30. On or about January 11, 2012 the Robinsons filed a civil action in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, <u>Robinson v. United Pacific Mortgage</u>, case number PC052281 (the "Robinson Action"). By this action, the Robinsons sought to quiet title to the Property free and clear of the Deed of Trust and a court order expunging the Deed of Trust.
- 31. Under California real property law, including but not limited to Code of Civil Procedure section 762.010, a plaintiff in a quiet title action must give notice to, and name as defendants, all persons who claim an interest in the property.
- 32. Prior to the time the Robinsons filed the Robinson Action, the originating lender United Pacific Mortgage had transferred ownership of the note. The Robinsons were aware of this fact at the time they filed the Robinson Action.
- 33. MERS remained the record beneficiary of the Deed of Trust at the time the Robinson Action was filed. Despite their actual and constructive knowledge that MERS was the beneficiary of record of the Deed of Trust, the Robinsons failed to

name MERS as a defendant in the Robinson Action, failed to serve MERS with summons and complaint in the Robinson Action, and failed to give MERS any notice whatsoever that the Robinsons were seeking to affect the rights represented by the Deed of Trust and to expunge the Deed of Trust.

- 34. This failure to give notice of the Robinson Action was intentional on the part of the Robinsons. The Robinsons' counsel advertises that he files quiet title actions so that "your House and or Home becomes foreclosable proof and cannot be touched in order to satisfy any Debt, Loan and or Promissory Note previously secured against it. You would then be free to either sell it, transfer it, re-encumber it or just possess it free and clear of any lien." A copy of the relevant excerpt from the Robinsons' counsel's website is attached as Exhibit 2 to this complaint. Another website that advertises the Robinsons' counsel's services contains a section entitled, "Quiet Title by default oh yeah you can," which recommends filing quiet title lawsuits naming only defunct lenders in order to obtain a quiet title judgment by default. A copy of the relevant excerpt from the website is attached as Exhibit 3 to this complaint.
- 35. Despite the failure to name or give notice of the Robinson Action to MERS, the Robinsons conducted a default prove-up hearing without informing the Court that they had failed to give notice to parties who claimed an interest Deed of Trust and/or in the Property. The Robinsons obtained a state court judgment that purports to quiet title in the Property and to expunge the Deed of Trust, and which the Robinsons recorded as "Judgment for Quiet Title and Expungement of Deed of Trust" on April 25, 2013 in the Official Records of the Recorder's Office of Los Angeles County as instrument number 20130621913 (the "Robinson Action Judgment"). A copy of the recorded Robinson Action Judgment is attached as Exhibit 4 to this complaint.
 - 36. Had MERS received notice of the Robinson Action, it would have

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defended the action and alerted the loan servicing agent or current note owner that action needed to be taken to protect the security interest.

- 37. Upon learning of the Robinson Action Judgment after that Judgment was entered, MERS contacted the Robinsons' counsel and demanded that the Robinsons stipulate to set it aside. But the Robinsons failed and refused to do so.
- 38. The Robinson Action Judgment is void and of no effect because it was obtained despite the Robinsons' failure to serve summons and despite the Robinsons' failure to give any notice of the Robinson Action. The Court in the Robinson Action never acquired jurisdiction over MERS nor did it have jurisdiction to quiet title to the Property and expunge the Deed of Trust because there was no notice to those parties who claimed a record interest in the Property and Deed of Trust.
- 39. The Robinson Action Judgment is subject to MERS's Deed of Trust interests because it was obtained without the Court in the Robinson Action ever acquiring jurisdiction over MERS or having jurisdiction to quiet title to the Property and expunge the Deed of Trust because there was no notice to those parties who claimed a record interest in the Property and Deed of Trust.
- 40. Originating lender United Pacific Mortgage never held the record interest in the Property and Deed of Trust as the recorded beneficiary.
- 41. As a result of the Robinson Action and the Robinson Action Judgment—all without notice to MERS—the plaintiffs were damaged in that they lost the right to protect MERS's security interest in the Property and to protect the interests of the note-owner(s), with whom MERS had a contractual obligation to perform certain duties.
- 42. In addition to the damage and loss of customer good will associated with this particular transaction, the result from the Robinson Action and Robinson Action Judgment threatens the plaintiffs' overall business model. The essence of

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plaintiffs' business is for MERS to serve as holder of the beneficiary or mortgagee (i.e., security) interest under a deed of trust or mortgage for the benefit of the current note owner(s). Plaintiffs protects the members' interests by receiving legal notices of foreclosures, tax sales or other proceedings impacting the note owner's equitable interests in the mortgaged property.

The Court has the power to set aside the Robinson Action Judgment, 43. which was entered without service of process, legal notice, or any notice at all to parties whose interests the Robinson Action Judgment purports to affect. The Court must exercise that power in the plaintiffs' favor and set aside the void Robinson Action Judgment.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(DECLARATORY JUDGMENT FOR VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS UNDER THE 5TH AND 14TH AMENDMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE I, SECTION 7 OF THE CALIFORNIA **CONSTITUTION**)

- 44. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of all prior paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 45. The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution protect against the deprivation of property without due process of law. The rights protected by these constitutional provisions include the guarantee of procedural due process: parties are entitled to notice reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of an action that will affect their rights and an opportunity to present their objections to the action.
- 46. Similarly, Article I, Section 10, of the California Constitution protects these rights.
- 47. The beneficiary of a deed of trust (or mortgagee of a mortgage) has a substantial property interest and is entitled to notice reasonably calculated to apprise

it of any actions that may impair the security interest.

- 48. At the time the Robinsons filed the Robinson Action, and at the time they obtained the Robinson Action Judgment, MERS claimed an interest in the Property as the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust. That property interest was recorded in the public land records and gave notice to the Robinsons—and the world—of MERS's claimed interest in the Property.
- 49. The prosecution of the Robinson Action and the issuance of the Robinson Action Judgment deprived MERS of its property interest without due process of law in that MERS was deprived of its claimed property interest without notice or an opportunity to be heard in violation of the United States and California Constitutions.
- 50. The Robinson Action and the Robinson Action Judgment constitute state acts.
- 51. The violation of MERS's due process rights harmed the plaintiffs as described above and the plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law to redress this harm. The issuance of the Robinson Action Judgment violates the federal and state due process guarantees of the United States and California Constitutions. Therefore, under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, the plaintiffs seek a declaration of the Court that the Robinson Action Judgment is void and of no effect.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(CANCELLATION OF INSTRUMENTS—against all Defendants)

- 52. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of all prior paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 53. In conjunction with the filing of the Robinson Action, the Robinsons recorded a lis pendens on May 16, 2012 in the Official Records of the Recorder's Office of Los Angeles County as instrument number 20120731667. A copy of the recorded lis pendens is attached as Exhibit 5 to this complaint.

- 54. As is set forth above, the Robinsons recorded the void Robinson Action Judgment on April 25, 2013 in the Official Records of the Recorder's Office of Los Angeles County as instrument number 20130621913.
- 55. The lis pendens was recorded improperly because the Robinsons did not give notice as required by law, and the Robinson Action Judgment is void as explained above. These instruments appear to be valid on their face, but are invalid and void. The plaintiffs have a reasonable apprehension that if the instruments are left outstanding, the plaintiffs will be harmed as the Property may be transferred, sold, or otherwise encumbered. The plaintiffs are entitled to have the instruments cancelled and to monetary damages from the Robinsons.
- 56. The recordation of the invalid and void instruments has made it necessary for the plaintiffs to retain attorneys and bring this action to cancel the instruments, and the plaintiffs are entitled to recover from the Robinsons the attorney fees and costs incurred by the plaintiffs in cancelling these instruments.
- 57. The Robinsons acted intentionally or with reckless disregard for the plaintiffs' rights in recording the instruments, and the plaintiffs are entitled to exemplary and punitive damages against the Robinsons.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(SLANDER OF TITLE—against all Defendants)

- 58. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of all prior paragraphs of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 59. On April 25, 2013 the Robinsons willfully, maliciously, and without privilege or justification published false statements concerning MERS's rights and title in the Deed of Trust and the Property by recording the void Robinson Action Judgment, which disparaged MERS's title. By recording the void Robinson Action Judgment, the Robinsons impaired the value of MERS's interest in the Deed of Trust and Property, which caused and continues to cause damages to the plaintiffs.

60. The recordation of the void Robinson Action Judgment and subsequent refusal to stipulate to set aside the void Robinson Action Judgment has made it necessary for the plaintiffs to retain attorneys and bring this action, and the plaintiffs are entitled to recover from the Robinsons the attorney fees and costs incurred by the plaintiffs in this action.

61. The recordation of the void Robinson Action Judgment and subsequent refusal to stipulate to set aside the void Robinson Action Judgment was done intentionally or with reckless disregard for the plaintiffs' rights, entitling the plaintiffs to exemplary and punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs pray for judgment as follows:

- 1. That the Court set aside the Robinson Action Judgment and declare that it is void and of no force or effect;
- 2. That the Court cancel the recorded Robinson Action Judgment and lis pendens;
- 3. That the Court issue a declaration that the Robinson Action Judgment is void and of no effect, that the recorded Robinson Action Judgment and lis pendens are cancelled, and that the Deed of Trust remains valid;
 - 4. For monetary damages according to proof;
 - 5. For attorney fees and costs;
 - 6. For punitive and exemplary damages; and
 - 7. For such further and other relief as the Court deems proper.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA Case 2:13-cv-07142-PSG-AS Document GOVER SUPER (1) Page 18 of 20 Page ID #:19 (Check box if you are representing yourself) **I. (a) PLAINTIFFS** (Check box if you are representing yourself) DEFENDANTS Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. and MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. | Daniel W. Robinson and Darla J. Robinson (b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you (b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same information.) are representing yourself, provide same information.) J. Owen Campbell (State Bar No. 229976) unknown at this time Severson & Werson 19100 Von Karman Ave., 7th Floor, Irvine, CA 92612 Tel: (949) 442-7110; Fax: (949) 442-7118; joc@severson.com III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES-For Diversity Cases Only II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant) DEF Incorporated or Principal Place 3. Federal Question (U.S. 1. U.S. Government Citizen of This State of Business in this State Plaintiff Government Not a Party) Citizen of Another State Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State 2. U.S. Government 74. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship Citizen or Subject of a 3 Foreign Nation ☐ 6 ☐ 6 of Parties in Item III) Foreign Country Defendant IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.) 6. Multi-2. Removed from 3. Remanded from Reinstated or 5. Transferred from Another District State Court **Appellate Court** Reopened District (Specify) Proceeding Litigation **V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND:** Yes **X** (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.) No CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: Yes 🗶 No **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** \$ according to proof VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.) 28 U.S.C. 2201 and 2202. Action to set aside a void judgment obtained without notice in violation of the 5th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution. VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only). **OTHER STATUTES** CONTRACT **PRISONER PETITIONS PROPERTY RIGHTS** REAL PROPERTY CONT. **IMMIGRATION** 110 Insurance 240 Torts to Land 462 Naturalization **Habeas Corpus:** 820 Copyrights 375 False Claims Act **Application** 245 Tort Product 400 State 463 Alien Detainee 120 Marine 830 Patent Reapportionment Liability 465 Other 510 Motions to Vacate 840 Trademark 130 Miller Act 290 All Other Real **Immigration Actions** Sentence 410 Antitrust Property 530 General **SOCIAL SECURITY** 140 Negotiable TORTS 430 Banks and Banking TORTS 535 Death Penalty PERSONAL PROPERTY Instrument 861 HIA (1395ff) PERSONAL PROPERTY 450 Commerce/ICC 150 Recovery of Other: 370 Other Fraud 862 Black Lung (923) Rates/Etc. Overpayment & 310 Airplane 371 Truth in Lending Enforcement of 540 Mandamus/Other 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g)) 460 Deportation 315 Airplane Judgment **Product Liability** 380 Other Personal 550 Civil Rights 470 Racketeer Influ-864 SSID Title XVI 320 Assault, Libel & **Property Damage** enced & Corrupt Org. 151 Medicare Act 555 Prison Condition 865 RSI (405 (g)) Slander 385 Property Damage 480 Consumer Credit 152 Recovery of 560 Civil Detainee 330 Fed. Employers' Product Liability Defaulted Student **FEDERAL TAX SUITS** Liability Conditions of 490 Cable/Sat TV Loan (Excl. Vet.) BANKRUPTCY Confinement 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or 340 Marine FORFEITURE/PENALTY 850 Securities/Com-422 Appeal 28 Defendant) 153 Recovery of 345 Marine Product modities/Exchange **USC 158** Overpayment of 625 Drug Related 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC Liability Vet. Benefits Seizure of Property 21 7609 890 Other Statutory 423 Withdrawal 28 Actions 350 Motor Vehicle USC 881 USC 157 160 Stockholders' 690 Other 355 Motor Vehicle **CIVIL RIGHTS** 891 Agricultural Acts Suits **Product Liability** LABOR 893 Environmental 440 Other Civil Rights 190 Other 360 Other Personal Matters Contract 710 Fair Labor Standards Injury 441 Voting Act 895 Freedom of Info. 195 Contract 362 Personal Injury

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will most likely be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

Question A: Was this case removed from state court?		STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:				INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:			
Yes 🗷 No		Los Angeles				Western			
If "no, " go to Question B. If "yes," check box to the right that applies, enter the	k the	☐ Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo				Western			
corresponding division in response to Question D, below, and skip to Section		☐ Orange				Southern			
Question D, below, and skip to section	ix.	Riverside or San Bernardino				Eastern			
Question B: Is the United States, or of its agencies or employees, a party to action? Yes X No	this	A PLAINTIFF? Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of DEFENDANTS reside.			A DEFENDANT? Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of PLAINTIFFS reside.		INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:		
If "no, " go to Question C. If "yes," check box to the right that applies, enter the		Los Angeles Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis			Los Angeles Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis		Western		
corresponding division in response to Question D, below, and skip to Section	IX. —	Obispo			Obispo		Western Southern		
		Orange Riverside or San Bernardino			Orange Riverside or San Bernardino		Eastern		
		Other		Other			Western		
Question C: Location of plaintiffs, defendants, and claims?	A. Los Angeles County	B. Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties	C. Orange (County	D. Riverside or San Bernardino Counties		E. de the Central et of California	F. Other	
Indicate the location in which a majority of plaintiffs reside:						x			
Indicate the location in which a majority of defendants reside: Indicate the location in which a majority of claims arose:									
C.1. Is either of the following true? I	f so, check	the one that applies:	C.2. Is	either o	f the following true? If s	o, check the	one that applies:		
2 or more answers in Column	n C		2 or more answers in Column D						
only 1 answer in Column C and no answers in Column D				only 1 answer in Column D and no answers in Column C					
Your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION. Enter "Southern" in response to Question D, below. If none applies, answer question C2 to the right.				Your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question D, below. If none applies, go to the box below.					
		Your case will i WES Enter "Western" in r	TERN DIVIS	IOÑ.					
Question D: Initial Division?				INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD					
Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, or C above:				Western					

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IX(a). IDENTICAL CAS	ES : Has this act	ion been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed?	X NO	☐ YES						
If yes, list case numb	er(s):									
IX(b). RELATED CASES	5: Have any case	es been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case?	X NO	YES						
If yes, list case numb	er(s):									
Civil cases are deemed re	elated if a previo	usly filed case and the present case:								
(Check all boxes that appl	y) 🔲 A. Arise f	rom the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or								
	B. Call fo	B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or								
	C. For oti	ner reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or	r							
	D. Involv	e the same patent, trademark or copyright <u>, and</u> one of the factors identified above in a	, b or c also is pre	sent.						
X. SIGNATURE OF AT (OR SELF-REPRESENT) Notice to Counsel/Partles: other papers as required by I but is used by the Clerk of th	ED LITIGANT) The CV-71 (JS-44) (law. This form, app	Civil Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required prose of statistics, venue and initiating the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions)	t the filing and se	2013 rvice of pleadings or Rule 3-1 is not filed te instructions sheet).						
Key to Statistical codes relati	ng to Social Secur	ity Cases:		·						
Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action								
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Socia include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))	I Security Act, as a s of services unde	mended. Also, r the program.						
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part 8, of the Federal Coal Mine Hea 923)	alth and Safety Ac	t of 1969. (30 U.S.C.						
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))	e Social Security /	Act, as amended; plus						
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))	Title 2 of the Soci	al Security Act, as						
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed unamended.	der Title 16 of the	Social Security Act, as						
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Sc (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))	ecurity Act, as am	ended.						
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